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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
ALISTAIR WILLIAM MCLEAN, et al. ) Examiner: Le V. Nguyen  
Application No.: 09/986,814 ) Group Art Unit: 2174  
Filed: November 13, 2001 )  
For: FILTER BASED )  
AUTHORING TOOL ) February 9, 2007

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to further examination of the above-identified application for which a Request for Continued Examination is being filed concurrently herewith, and in response to the final Office Action dated August 9, 2006, the period for response to which having been extended to February 9, 2007 by the accompanying Petition for Extension of Time, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

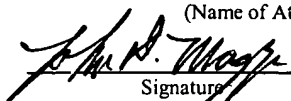
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